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A BILL ENTITLED

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1	AN	ACT	concerning

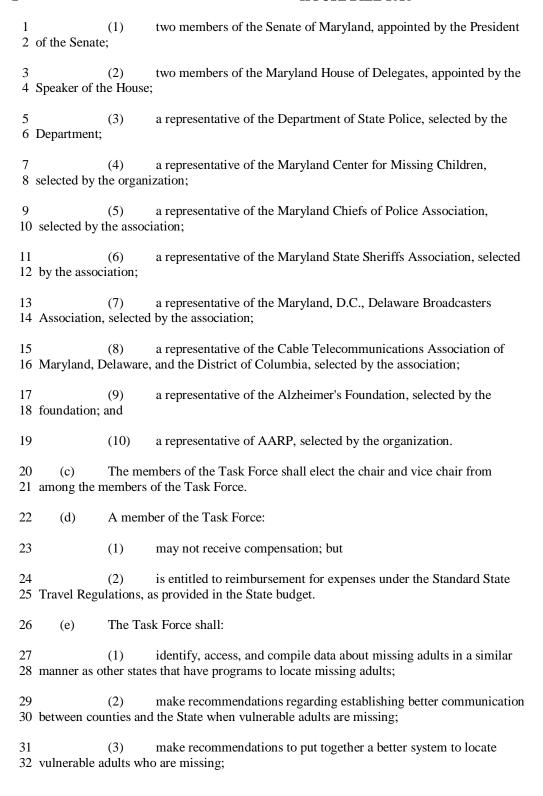
2	Task Force on	Extending the A	Amber Alert to	Vulnerable Adults
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- 3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Extending the Amber Alert to
- 4 Vulnerable Adults; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the
- 5 Task Force to elect a chair and vice chair of the Task Force from among the Task
- 6 Force's members; prohibiting members from receiving compensation but
- 7 entitling members to reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task
- 8 Force to identify, access, and compile certain data; requiring the Task Force to
- 9 make certain recommendations; requiring the Task Force to submit a certain
- report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date;
- 11 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a Task Force
- on Extending the Amber Alert to Vulnerable Adults.

Preamble 13

- 14 WHEREAS, A system is needed to locate adults who are vulnerable due to
- 15 faulty prescription medications that cause confusion, Alzheimer's disease, a sudden
- 16 onset of illness, an accident, or an unanticipated event; and
- 17 WHEREAS, When a vulnerable adult crosses county lines, the adult is
- 18 difficult to locate; and
- 19 WHEREAS, The current Amber Alert is an effective means of locating missing
- 20 children, and the existing system can be expanded to include vulnerable adults who
- 21 are missing; now, therefore,
- 22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 23 MARYLAND, That:
- 24 (a) There is a Task Force on Extending the Amber Alert to Vulnerable Adults.
- 25 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

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- 1 (4) make recommendations to set up protocol to work with Amber Alert 2 and the broadcast media in locating vulnerable adults who are missing; and
- 3 (5) report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in
- 4 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly
- 5 on or before October 1, 2005.
- 6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 7 effect October 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and,
- 8 at the end of October 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General
- 9 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.